

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:



Last call for registration: [Itu-apt Event](#)

IAFI concluded the ITU-R WP5D preparatory meetings, the weekly Radio group meeting on Thursday, reviewed a list of working documents, additional drafts and active inputs, and finalised 7 documents that will be submitted by IAFI as contributions today as per the guidelines of WP5D. These documents include: CV2X, IMT 2020 and beyond, Application in societal and enterprise usage.

IAFI contributions for WP5D

- 1) IAFI-WP5D-M.C-V2X.docx
- 2) IAFI-WP5D-IMT-INDUSTRY
- 3) IAFI-WP5D-VISION.docx
- 4) IAFI- India Text for R3 Report.
- 5) IAFI-WP5D L Band.docx
- 6) IAFI- Input on CPM text-Agenda 1.1
- 7) IAFI- WP5D Input on Agenda 1.2

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) in a counter comment statement to Windsor Consulting



Palace stated that the upper end of 6GHz spectrum band should be auctioned as “not at all tenable”. IAFI said that the submission by Windsor Consulting Palace on the upper part of the 6GHz band (6425MHz to 7125MHz) could be considered for IMT|5G is not relevant to this consultation.

4th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group APT: WTDC-21 concluded on Friday. A number of IAFI delegates were also participating in this meeting. The meeting was focused around considering the input contributions from APT members, review outcomes of the views of other regional organizations along with developing Preliminary APT Common Proposal for WTDC-21.



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TRAI consultation Papers under process:

Consultation Papers	Comments Date	Counter Comments Date	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
Ease of Doing Business in Telecom and Broadcasting Sector	9 th February 2022	23 rd February 2022	3 rd February 2022

Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Jan-Mar 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-R: WP 5D	7th-23rd Feb 2022	31st Jan 2022	27th Jan 2022
ITU-R: RAG	24th Feb 2022	17th Feb 2022	-
APT: PP-22	15th-17th Feb 2022	8th Feb 2022	-
ITU-T: WTSA-20	1st-9th Mar 2022	22nd Feb 2022	-
APT: AWG 29	21st-29th Mar 2022	14th Mar 2022	9th Feb 2022

Telecom Stories:

Telecom sector investors would be keenly following this coming Budget with hopes of reduction in license fees and SUC rate, duty exceptions on key telecom equipment, input tax credit against GST paid on telecom towers and smooth reforms for 5G rollouts. The government in September 2021 approved the much-awaited reforms for the telecom sector and announced the revival package. Though these reforms, including a moratorium in annual payments of adjusted gross revenues (AGR) and spectrum dues, the government has addressed the liquidity woes of the telecom sector to a large extent.

The Department of Telecommunication (DoT) has notified on illegal facilitation and sale of wireless jammers which are capable of disrupting the authorized telecom & other wireless networks. The sale and use of wireless jammers is illegal. Therefore, its facilitation/sale by the online platforms as well as any other offline dealer/seller for general consumption shall be viewed as an illegal activity.

The information technology sector will petition the government over concerns that the broad exemptions sought by lawmakers in the proposed Data Protection bill will adversely impact the fortunes of India in the IT-BPM industry in the European Union. Exemptions sought by the Indian government over access to personal data has left the regulators and corporations worried and will adversely impact the Indian IT business.

